

**Consideration of the dedication of Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve, Vigo County**

The proposed nature preserve is a 14.94-acre property located adjacent to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and north of West Terre Haute, Indiana.

This tract, since purchased by Julius Schnyder during the Great Depression, has not been logged, creating an area of old growth forest with exceptionally large trees. Twenty five species of trees contribute to the high canopy stratum (60-90 ft). The forest is strongly rolling, with two deep ravines bisecting the property.

This proposed nature preserve hosts a diverse display of spring wildflowers including celandine poppy, nodding trillium, and larkspur.

The tract is owned and is under the administration of the Sycamore Trails Resource Conservation and Development Council. It was donated to Sycamore Trails Resource Conservation and Development Council by its current owner, Dr. Marion Jackson, Professor Emeritus of Indiana State University and recent inductee into the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame in its inaugural class, for his lifetime of work in identifying, studying, and protecting Indiana's old growth forests.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: map indicating the location and boundaries of Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve.

## AGENDA ITEM #8

Nature Preserves Exhibit A  
Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve

County: Vigo

USGS Quadrangle: New Goshen

Size: 14.94 Acres

Ownership: Sycamore Trails Resource Conservation and Development Council

